

Meeting Notes for Town Board &
 Planning & Zoning Committee March 8, 2006
 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
 Notes by Gene Moncrief

In attendance:

Town Board Members	Planning and Zoning Committee Members
Pam Duke, Francis Gray, Ron Santosky, Alex Miller	Chris Kelder, Dan Davis, Kristin Marcell, Mike Baden, Bev Schoonmaker, Marijane Knudsen, Ruth Bendelius, Mel Tapper, Gordie Bell, John Dawson, Jonathan Blair, Walter Levy
Consultants	Sitting in
Peter Fairweather	Steve Fornal, Steve Winkley

Supervisor Duke opened the meeting and led us in the Pledge.

1. Identifying special interest groups: Groups identified: large land owners, tourism, farmers, home based business, artists, land conservancies, firefighters, rescue, community service, excavators, construction, developers, residents, places of worship, recreation, sports, hunting and archery, social orgs, senior groups, second home owners.

Stakeholder meetings will set up for May or June. Francis Grey and Pam Duke will consolidate the list of stakeholders.

2. Public Outreach Meetings: There will be a series of 4 outreach meetings throughout the year. Discussion was held on marketing these upcoming meetings.

- Website, with a phone number to call. What's already on the website is pretty impressive.
- Postcard with all the dates. That will cost \$1,200. For that money, we could rent signs and put them on the major roads.
- Put flyers where people shop and where they go. John Dawson will develop a flyer and send to Pam for distribution.

Notice in town hall when people come in to inquire about their assessments. Have them available at the Firehouses.

- Talk it up among associates and friends.
- Announcements, chamber of commerce,

Outreach meetings: either Tom Shepstone or Peter Fairweather will attend. They will bring the AV equipment necessary. Marijane Knudsen will do food for Alligerville: Alice Gray and Pam Duke for remaining sites.

3. Steve Winkley, a Groundwater Specialist with the New York Rural Water Association Technical, an organization that is a non-profit, federally funded, that provides free, ground water analysis for townships presented his findings to this point. Winkley has been working for several months with Environmental Conservation Commission, particularly Dan Davis and Kristin Marcell. The draft plan for Ground Water Protection includes:

- * Forming a planning team
- * Defining areas to be protected or developed
- * Identifying and locating potential contaminant sources
- * Managing protection areas
- * Planning for the future

Winkley has been gathering information about TOR's water resources in an attempt to map sources of groundwater, identify essential resources, develop management strategies, and plan for water systems. With Winkley's information it will be up to the town to implement. While updating the Comprehensive Plan, this information will be critical when we begin to talk about developments of all kinds, conservation of resources, and future planning. With the information provided by Winkley and various agencies in Ulster County, we will be able to identify potential areas for public water supply and public waste water.

Other map of open space and wetlands will be forthcoming. Winkley acknowledged that there are gaps in this information, but his maps already provide us with the basic information for planning. What we have now is far more detailed than what has *ever* been done in TOR. The ECC will be charged with working towards filling in the gaps.

Winkley suggested that we begin a poll of water quality in order to get an idea of what residents think of TOR water; how does it taste? Are there many dry wells, Are there contaminated well? This is something that can wait, but it is useful.

The PZC and Town Board were very appreciative of Winkley's findings, and we are eagerly awaiting his more in-depth analysis. At a later date it will practical for Winkley to make a public presentation of his maps and analysis.

Winkley requested that PZC, Town Board, and Planning Board respond to a water quality questionnaire.

4. Revised Goals

Peter Fairweather shared the latest revisions to the goals for the Comprehensive based on previous discussion on March 8th. We are closing in on a draft to be presented at the

public meetings in April. What will be presented for public discussion are still drafts, and no final decisions will be made by the PZC or Town Board until we have many intensive discussions and as much public input as possible. PZC is in agreement that we want the goals in the Plan to be fair, equitable, broad based and comprehensive. Bev Schoonmaker raised issues about housing balances. After some discussion goals will be revised to include reference to a balanced mix of the different types of housing. We don't want any segment of the population to be forced out. Questions arose as to how we might accommodate affordable senior housing; how we put amenities close to housing; and provide housing opportunities for young couples. On other issues it was noted that the town needs to sort out how we might have residential areas free of commercial activity; express willingness to work with the Scenic Byway coalition; discuss the costs for public water; and discuss various general zoning issues as they come out of Code Task Force. Supervisor Duke suggested that reference be made to the 209 Corridor Study with the DOT for transportation and land use study that will start soon.

5. Planning Scenarios

Fairweather explained that we will revise our planning scenarios in light of public discussion. Peter presented a draft of an agenda for meetings about two hours in duration.

2. Code Task Force Report

Mike Baden reported on the Code Task Force with Tom Shepstone. Discussion was concerned with subdivisions and Conservation easements. Susan Blickstein is working on mapping. Brenda Striano is working with Wayne Kelder to update town public and private road designations. Thanks also to Barry Medenbach for providing additional information for remapping TOR. The next meeting of the Code Task Force is scheduled for April 10^h at 5:00 pm in the Code Enforcement officer's office. Baden asked that if anyone has issues for discussion to please let him know.

The Public Comment session was opened – no comments were made.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Next PZC meeting is 10 April 2006 at 7:00 PM in Town Hall.

Public Outreach Meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:00PM:

Monday, April 17, 2006: Accord Firehouse

Tuesday, April 18, 2006: Alligerville Firehouse

Thursday, April 20, 2006: Rochester Town Court, Samsonville Road

Monday, April 24, 2006: Rochester II Firehouse, Samsonville Road